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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMB. LEARSON

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SUBJ: LOS: DAILY REPORT FOR THE SECRETARY

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1. COMMITTEE I: COMMITTEE I LEADERSHIP AGREED COB
FRIDAY ON SELECTION OF SONDALLE (NETHERLANDS AND CHAIRMAN
OF EC) AND JAGOTA (INDIA), A CANDIDATE ORIGINALLY OPPOSED
BY INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES, AS CO-CHAIRMAN FOR INFORMAL
WORKING GROUP. OUR CHIEF CONCERN IS NOW TO DEVISE STRATEGY
WHICH WILL NEUTRALIZE EXTREMIST VIEWS HELD BY JAGOTA AND
BRING MODERATE LDCS BACK INTO EFFECTIVE CONTROL OF C-I.

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WE EXPECT GROUP OF 77 EXTREMISTS TO LEAD DEBATE IN WORKING

GROUP DURING FIRST FEW DAYS AND ARE CONSIDERING A STRATEGY WHICH IS A CROSS BETWEEN PRECIPITATING CONFRONTATION AND QUIETLY AWAITING STORM TO SUBSIDE IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE EMERGENCE OF MODERATES. DEPENDING UPON SERIOUSNESS OF LDC WILLINGNESS TO BE LED BY EXTREMISTS, WE WILL LATER DECIDE WHETHER TO FOLLOW CONFRONTATION OR MORE PASSIVE STRATEGY IN EARNEST.

2. COMMITTEE II NEGOTIATING GROUP III MET FRIDAY MORNING AND CONDUCTED A RAMBLING AND INCONCLUSIVE DISCUSSION REGARDING THE QUESTIONS OF THE DEFINITION OF THE CONTINENTAL MARGIN AND REVENUE SHARING. AT CONCLUSION IT WAS CLEAR THAT CHAIRMAN'S SUGGESTION FOR A GROUP OF EXPERTS TO WORK OUT A DEFINITION WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE. THERE WAS NO SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS. OPPOSING STATEMENTS WERE PRESENTED BY THE BROAD MARGIN STATES ON THE ONE HAND, AND LANDLOCKED STATES ON THE OTHER. US DEL DID NOT BECOME ACTIVELY INVOLVED. GENERAL DEBATE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE TUESDAY.

3. COMMITTEE III: IN SPITE OF EFFORTS BY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TO MOVE FORWARD ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ISSUE, CURRENT TREND OF OPINION SEEMS TO BE NECESSITY OF COMBINING ISSUES OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, STATUS OF ECONOMIC ZONE, AND APPLICATION OF DISPUTE SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES. MANY FEEL ALL THESE ISSUES SHOULD BE SOLVED AS A PACKAGE, PROBABLY BY SMALL GROUP OF DELEGATION HEADS WORKING WITH CONFERENCE PRESIDENT. BENNETT UNQUOTE ROBINSON

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